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Hereford Foster Parents
Receives Appreciation Award
Carol and Ross Grimand Recognized by
The Arizona Foster Care and Adoption Coalition

(Phoenix, November 1, 2005) Carol and Ross Grimand, Hereford foster parents, were recognized by the Arizona Foster Care and Adoption Coalition for their dedication to foster care. They were nominated by Flora L. Vance of the Devereux Agency.

In nominating the Grimands, Vance said, "Carol and Ross fight for services and are the best advocates for the children in their homes. Both have helped the children find jobs and assisted with their independent living skills. Vance added, "They have also maintained long-term relationships with their previous foster children."

Nominations were open to any individual in the state who continually "goes the extra mile" in assisting children achieve permanency in their home life. This was the fourth annual recognition event. The awards were presented during the Children Need Homes Conference sponsored by the Arizona Department of Economic Security – Division of Children, Youth, and Families. The theme of this year's conference was "Through the Eyes of a Child: A Place to Belong."

Ten awards were presented to Arizonans at the event. Recipients included Linda Brown of Phoenix, case aide with the Department of Economic Security – Administration for Children Youth and Families; Linda Cunningham of Tucson, adoption subsidy supervisor with the Department of Economic Security – Division of Children, Youth, and Families; Rachel Ostro of Phoenix, case manager with Child Protective Services; Lynne Van Gould of Mesa, licensing worker with the ARISE Agency; Gay Rubey of Phoenix, adoption case manager with the state Department of Economic Security – Division of Developmental Disabilities; Danielle Delacio of Tucson, foster parent; Tim and Lynn McMurray of Mesa, foster and adoptive parents; Julie Rosario of Tucson, supervisor with Catholic Social Services; and the Honorable Suzanna S. Cuneo of Tucson, Superior Court Commissioner, Pima County Juvenile Court.